

REPORT OF THE PULPIT COMMITTEE
FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 18, 1966

This last report of the Pulpit Committee will briefly review its history and state its recommendations to the Board of Directors.

The committee, consisting of Mrs. Paul Cantor, Mrs. Harvey Horvitz, Phineas Nissenson, James Weissburg, Sidney Kaufman, Joseph Markowitz, Melvin Jackson, Morris Kress, Donald Hersh, and co-chairmen Jonathan Duker, Daniel Klein, and Jerome Spanier, was organized at the beginning of January 1966. At an early committee meeting a procedure for candidate selection was established: After sufficient information on a given candidate was obtained, the acceptability of the man would be determined by a vote of the committee, eight (8) votes being needed for acceptability. After all candidates had been considered, a final vote would determine order of preference.

Contacts were made through an advertisement in the National Jewish Post, through inquiries made to Yeshivas, and through personal connections. The qualifications of 16 men were reviewed and four (4) of these were interviewed by the committee. Of these four men, three were found acceptable by the committee: Rabbi Meyer Minkowich, Rabbi Moritzio Leifer, and Rabbi Zoltan Racz. A brief description of each of these three men follows.

Rabbi Meyer Minkowich, now of Bennington, Vermont, is 44 years old, married, with five children ranging in age from 1 to 14 years. Rabbi Minkowich was born and educated abroad and has law degrees from Hebrew University in Jerusalem and a PhD from Dropsie College in Philadelphia. He is the author of several articles and two books in the field of Jewish law and English common law, has taught at Yeshiva University in New York, and has served Conservative Congregations in West Virginia and Vermont.

Rabbi Moritzio Leifer, of Indiana, Pa., is 43 years old and single. He comes from a long line of Rabbis on both sides of his family, and was also born and educated in Europe. He is a survivor of Auschwitz and has studied in Budapest where he passed examinations in theology and philosophy. In 1959 he came to the United States from Israel and served as spiritual leader of Temple Kneseth Israel in New Jersey. He is presently serving the Conservative Congregations in Indiana and Dubois, Pa.

Rabbi Zoltan Racz, of Carnegie, Pa., is in his early fifties, married with one child. He was educated in Europe having received a PhD in psychology. He served a congregation in Alliquippa, Pa. prior to coming to Carnegie.

After due deliberation, the committee recommends that offers be extended in the following order: Rabbi Leifer, Rabbi Minkowich, and Rabbi Racz.

Respectfully submitted.

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